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## City of Charleston Seeks Participants for Holiday Parade of Boats

**Charleston, S.C.**—The city of Charleston, in partnership with the Charleston Sail and Power Squadron, will hold the 36th Annual Holiday Parade of Boats on Saturday, December 9, 2017 in Charleston Harbor. Applications to participate will be accepted through Wednesday, December 6 at 4 p.m. and can be accessed at: <a href="http://www.charleston-sc.gov/index.aspx?NID=870">http://www.charleston-sc.gov/index.aspx?NID=870</a>.

The parade will begin at approximately 5 p.m. near the Mt. Pleasant side of the harbor and, after processing down the Charleston side of the Cooper River, will end in the Ashley River at approximately 7:30 p.m. Various factors, including wind, current, and the ability of the boats to maintain headway, have the potential to impact these times.

In order to participate, applicants must be able to attend a Captain's Meeting, required for at least one member of each crew, on Wednesday, December 6 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the City Gallery at 34 Proileau Street. Parking vouchers will be provided for free exit from city garages following the meeting.

Captains and crews, along with one guest each, will be invited to attend the Captain's Party and Awards Ceremony the afternoon following the parade from 5 to 7 p.m. Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place boats in both the power and sail categories, with the best-in-show award going to the highest scoring boat overall.

For more information, contact Production Manager & Parade of Boats Coordinator Ray Swagerty at 843-724-7414 or swagertyr@charleston-sc.gov.

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